

REMARKS

This Amendment is being submitted in compliance with the petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(6), which accompanies this paper.

Specifically, the first paragraph of the application section entitled "Cross-Reference to Related Applications and U.S. Patents," is amended to indicate U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/950,377 (hereinafter, "the '377 Application," now U.S. Patent No. 5,944,648) claims benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/028,556 (hereinafter, "the '556 Provisional"). As a result, the current application indirectly claims benefit to the '556 Provisional by way of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/707,430 filed November 6, 2000, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/298,272 filed April 23, 1999 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,142,924), and the '377 Application.

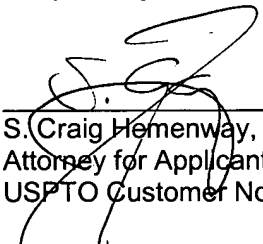
Although the second paragraph of the cross-reference to related applications is not amended, it is restated herein in order to explicitly indicate the Assignee does not wish to waive its claim of priority to either U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/215,499 or 60/195,686. The paragraph is repeated solely to include all claims of priority in a single paper and avoid confusion.

Should any additional fees or petitions be required, please consider this a request therefor and authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 04-1415 as necessary.

If the Examiner should have any questions, please contact the undersigned attorney.

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